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SUBJECT:NATO LONG-TERM INITIATIVES REINTAF - US FORCES

1. FOR USNATO AND USDEL MC: UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS,
USLO SACLANT WILL PASS INFORMATION IN PARAS 3-6 BELOW TO
SACLANT FOR REINTAF DIRECTOR.

2. FOR USLO SACLANT: PROVIDED NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED
BY COB (BRUSSELS TIME) JANUARY 3, 1978, PLEASE PASS
INFORMATION IN PARAS 3-6 BELOW TO SACLANT FOR REINTAF
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3. THE US REINFORCEMENT PROGRAM GROUP HAS FURNISHED TO
YOUR TASK FORCE INFORMATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE
REINFORCEMENT EQUATION. AS THE TF COMMENCES DRAFT OF ITS
FINAL REPORT, THE US GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE
TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS NECESSARY. IN ORDER
TO ENSURE THAT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RAPID REINFORCE-

MENT ARE ADDRESSED, THE US OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS AS TO US FORCES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT GIVEN TIMES DURING THE REINFORCEMENT, BASED UPON AIRLIFT, SEALIFT AND POMCUS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS. THESE ASSUMPTIONS SHOULD ASSIST YOU IN QUANTIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFT, PRE-POSITIONED MATERIEL CONFIGURED IN UNIT SETS (POMCUS) AND

RECEPTION FACILITIES. PLANNING FACTORS LISTED IN PARAS 4 AND 5 BELOW ASSUME A SINGLE THEATER SCENARIO AND DO NOT ALLOW FOR OTHER POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS.

4. PLANNING FACTORS FOR US REINFORCEMENT IN 1978 SHOULD BE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT BY M PLUS 10 SEVEN ARMY DIVISIONS PLUS THREE ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENTS (INCLUDES FOUR DIVISIONS, THREE BRIGADES AND TWO ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENTS IN-PLACE) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRAL REGION. BY M PLUS 30 THE US WILL PROVIDE 10-11 ARMY DIVISIONS TOTAL. PLANNING FACTORS FURTHER CALL FOR THE 28 IN-PLACE TACTICAL FIGHTER/RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRONS TO BE INCREASED TO 68 BY M PLUS 7 AND TO 100 BY M PLUS 30.

5. FOR THE LONGER TERM (POST 1982), IMPROVEMENT IN OUR REINFORCING CAPABILITY IS TENTATIVE AND LARGELY DEPENDENT UPON THE PROVISION OF RECEPTION AND STORAGE FACILITIES BY OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES. THE TASK FORCE MAY USE THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS AS PLANNING FACTORS FOR US
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POST 1982 REINFORCING CAPABILITY. BY M PLUS 10 THE US GROUND FORCES CAN BE INCREASED TO A TOTAL OF 10 DIVISIONS AND THREE ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENTS. BY M PLUS 30 THE TOTAL WILL INCREASE BY AN ADDITIONAL 4 TO 5 DIVISIONS. TACTICAL FIGHTER/RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRONS CAN BE INCREASED TO A TOTAL OF 86-94 BY M PLUS 7 AND TO 108 BY M PLUS 30.

6. RECOGNIZING THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION LISTS ONLY THE US LAND AND TACTICAL AIR SEGMENT OF THE REINFORCING FORCES, IT IS HOPED THAT IT MAY BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE AS YOU DEVELOP YOUR REPORT.

7. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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